



McDonald Local Schools



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COVID- Update

I know that we all wish that COVID was a part of our past, unfortunately this issue is still impacting our schools. I also know that people are passionate about the issue of a mask mandate, but our focus as school district must be the safety and education of our students. The first step in that process is having kids in school.

I am thankful to report that we have no reported cases of critical illness or hospitalization with our students. However, with the mandatory quarantine guidelines from the Ohio Health Department, we are experiencing significant quarantines. In many cases, this means sending a healthy child home from school for ten days.

With our rapid rise in cases and quarantines the McDonald Local School District will institute a mandatory mask policy for students, staff and visitors starting tomorrow September 24, 2021. This mandate will include all indoor facilities regardless of an individual's vaccination status.

Please do not let this divisive issue divert all of us from doing whatever it takes to keep our students in school. We will monitor our numbers daily and adjust accordingly.

Please stay safe!

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